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I dedicate this book to my beloved son and daughter-in-law:
Argishti and Karina
On the occasion of the creation of a new Armenian family, a new
warm hearth and their sacred marriage union.

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Abbreviations

AD	Anno Domini (in the year of the Lord), After Christ, CE (Common Era)
ASSR	Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic
BC	Before Christ
C.	Century
CC	Centuries
EA	Eastern Armenia
GA	Greater Armenia
LA	Lesser Armenia
RA	Republic of Armenia
WA	Western Armenia
WWI	First World War
WWII	Second World War

Armenian Alphabets

Աա	Aa	as in Part	Փփ	Pp	Put
Բբ	Bb	Boy	Զզ	Kk	Kit
Գգ	Gg	Good	Ել Լ	Yev	
Դդ	Dd	Door	Օօ	Oo	Or
Եե	Yy, Ee	Yard, pet	Ֆֆ	Ff	Foot
Զզ	Zz	Zoo			
Էէ	Ee	Egg			
Ըը	e'	as in Turn			
Թթ	Tt	To			
Ժժ	Zh as in Pleasure				
Իի	Ii, ea	as in Peak			
Լլ	Ll	Look			
Խխ	Kh	as X in Russian			
Ծծ	ds	as in dsar in Armenian meaning Tree			
Վվ	hard k	as in Krak in Armenian meaning Fire			
Հհ	Hh	House			
Ջճ	dz	as in dzoo in Armenian meaning Egg			
Ղղ	gh	as in R in French or german			
Ճճ	tch	Armenian Tchut meaning chicken			
Մմ	Mm	Mom			
Եյ	Yy	Yes			
Նն	Nn	No			
Շշ	Sh	Show			
Ոո	Vo, Oo	More			
Չչ	Ch	Chair			
Պպ	P'	Hard P as in Piti in Armenian meaning Must			
Ջջ	Jj	Jerm			
Ռռ	RR	Rock			
Սս	Ss	Sick			
Վվ	Vv	Verb			
Տտ	Th	Hard T as in Thun in Armenian meaning house			
Րր	Rr	Room			
Յյ	Ts	Hertz			
Ու ու	U in	Urmia			

Preface

I published "The Armenian family throughout the History" in Armenian language in 2016, which I dedicated it to the marriage of my beloved son and daughter-in-law Baruy and Tina. In that book I presented the Armenian family and its development throughout history, the structure and internal relations, habits, traditions, different stages of life from birth to the last farewell.

In occasion of marriage of my younger son Argishti with Dr. Karina Tavakalyan, I thought it would be appropriate to dedicate the English version as new edition of the same book to my beloved son and daughter-in-law.

In English version I have added some more chapters to help readers have wider idea about Armenian family, its traditional values, Armenian family structure, lifestyle, family habits, entertainments, cuisine, customs, etc.

In this version, since my English readers may not be familiar with the Armenian History, I have added history section to give them a brief information about History and geography of Armenia from ancient time to our present days.

By dedicating this book to my beloved Argishti and Karina, I hope they will establish a firm family structure, full of love, our national values, Armenian rich culture and will expand their family with new members of little ones.

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August 30th, 2024*